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CURRENT TOPICS.

BOSTON negro voters have organized. DUBLIN, Ireland, has 10,000 unionists. DETROIT has a co-operative cigar factory.

BOSTON has a Chinese laundrymen's union.

The bubonic plague is again spreading in India.

CLEVELAND's city clerk wants to tax clairvoyants.

BELFAST (Ireland) engineers won the eight-hour day.

The gold finds in Whatcom county, Wash., are reported as very rich.

The Union Veteran legion adopted a resolution calling for more pension legislation.

NEARLY one thousand barrels of sugar cane have been raised on Tennessee's state farm.

ENGLISH employers are importing engineers from Germany to take the places of strikers.

THE Natchez (Miss.) board of health has interdicted the sale or receipt of New Orleans newspapers.

THE anti-cigarette law of Tennessee is to be tested in the federal courts by the American Tobacco Co.

THE United States consul at Odessa reports that the failure of grain crops in Russia covers an extensive area.

THE Musicians' union claims that non-union men were employed in one of the bands on Labor day at Milwaukee.

THE great Ottoman empire, which at one time threatened the civilized world, sprang from a band of 400 wandering nomads.

ACCORDING to Nilsson, the zoologist, the weight of the Greenland whale is 100 tons, or 224,000 pounds, or equal to that of 88 elephants or 440 bears.

GREAT BRITAIN has notified the state department that it will not participate in the seal conference at Washington if Russia and Japan take part in it.

A SAFETY envelope has a gummed locking tongue attached to the sealing flap folds down across the bottom of the letter, rendering opening without mutilation impossible.

AT Port Royal, Jamaica, for six months in the year thunderstorms are almost of daily occurrence, and guests to picnics and garden parties usually invited to assemble "after the thunder-storm."

LO Bing Nam, a Chinese athlete, says that his extraordinary strength is due to his diet, which consists chiefly of boiled rice and boiled ducks' heads. The brains of the duck, he asserts, are very strengthening.

A REMARKABLE eel has been discovered in the Fiji islands. It has a peculiar formation in its throat, which causes it to whistle when in an excited state. The eel is 15 feet long and several inches in girth.

THE longest distance that a shot has been fired is a few yards more than fifteen miles, which was the range of Krupp's one-hundred-and-thirty-ton steel gun. The shot required for this gun weighs 2,600 pounds.

SAM STONE BUSH is organizing a company of Louisville (Ky.) men to construct a tramway between Dyea and Lake Lindemann, over the Chilkoot Pass. Mr. Bush has just returned from an inspection of the route.

SOME women in Russia are preparing a unique gift for Dr. Naussen. It will be a carpet, with a map of the north pole regions embroidered in silks. The places visited by him in his voyage will be worked in silver and gold thread.

A NEW kind of ice skates will be in vogue next winter. The skate will be made with slots in the runners to support the shafts of several pairs of rollers, which are mounted loosely on the shafts and have sharpened edges to cut the ice as the skates glide along.

REV. DR. PARKHURST says, in a recent letter to a friend in New York: "I can not stand by the Sunday saloon pure and simple, but I do believe in allowing the sale of beer and light wines on Sunday, provided they are the accompaniment of an honest meal, honestly paid for."

THE duke of Argyll lately offered himself as a living proof of the advantages of desultory reading. He had never been to school or college, but he had always read everything he could lay his hands on. To this he attributed his success in public speaking, for he "often found he had read what others had not."

IN digging at Herculaneum there has been brought to light a pillar covered with bills, one on top of another. The paste used to stick them was made of gum arabic. When separated and examined they were found to be programmes and announcements of public meetings, and even election proclamations.

FLOOD IN CHINA.

Sixty Villages, Containing Over 80,000 People, Destroyed—The Number of Drowned Estimated at From 15,000 to 20,000.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 5.—The steamer Victoria brings news of the most disastrous floods that have visited China for many years. Sixty villages near Tung Chou, containing over 80,000 inhabitants, have been destroyed by floods and the people drowned or forced to flee.

There is no means of finding out how many thousands have been drowned, but the number is estimated by Chinese authorities at 15,000 to 20,000.

The flooded district is within 12 miles of Peking, the capital of China. As a rule Chinese officials make very little stir when a calamity like this happens, but the proximity of the disaster has resulted in its being brought to the attention of the emperor, who has ordered that all possible relief be given.

Survivors from the villages nearest Peking have been allowed such shelter as they can find in the city walls, but thousands are without protection against the rain, which continues to fall.

The distress of these people is most pitiable. Public spirited and wealthy men of Peking and Tung Chou are actively assisting the authorities in providing them with food.

The floods have greatly damaged a large number of estates belonging to Peking nobles. The unusual rains began July 23 and continued until August 15.

The crops in the flooded district were destroyed. The prefects, local magistrates and people of the flooded district prayed for the cessation of the rain seven days before they were finally driven out of their homes.

Early in September high officials of Peking and Tien Sien suddenly forbade the slaughter of cattle, their object to appease the wrath of gods and stop the rain. Proclamations to this effect were posted. The result was to cut off the entire meat supply, which led foreign consuls to protest against the prohibition and to report the situation to the foreign ministers at Peking. It is claimed that the action of the officials constitutes a violation of the treaty rights.

Early in September there was another uprising in Formosa. A battle took place which resulted in the killing of 200 rebels and many Japanese soldiers.

Capt. Takeuchi, who commanded the Japanese, cut down 30 rebels with his own hand.

An explosion of a steam launch near Bangkok resulted in the drowning of ten persons and the fatal injury of six, including Prince Chairat and wife, who died next day. This prince was closely related to the King of Siam.

THE TEMPLE CUP.

The Conditions of the Competition Between the Clubs Winning the National League Championship.

BOSTON, Oct. 5.—The conditions of the competition for the Temple cup between the club winning the National league championship and the club having the next best record, are the best four games in seven, the winning club to receive 60 per cent of the net receipts, to be equally divided between all the players of the club. The first three games are to be played on successive days, weather permitting, on the grounds of the new champions (the Boston) this year, and the next on an open date. The last three games, or as many of them as may be required to decide the championship, may be played either at Baltimore or New York, as the clubs decide.

BOSTON, Oct. 5.—The new champions took the first game for the Temple cup Monday, defeating the Baltimore in a close contest more through a combination of lucky hits and daring base running, assisted by darkness in the last two innings, than by any great superiority of play. Neither team showed championship form, while the work of the home team was at times very much below the mark. Following is the score:

Innings..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—B. H. E.

Boston..... 3 0 0 1 2 5 0 2 —13 12 4

Baltimore..... 4 0 1 0 2 3 2 0 0—12 20 4

Batteries—Lewis, Nichols and Bergen; Nops and Clarke. Umpires—Emslie and Hurst.

NEW MINISTRY.

The Spanish Cabinet Go to the Palace and Take the Oath of Office.

MADRID, Oct. 5.—The new ministry is constituted as follows:

Senor Sagasta, president of the council of ministers.

Senor Gullon, minister for foreign affairs.

Senor Groizard, minister of justice.

Gen. Correa, minister of war.

Adm. Bermejo, minister of marine.

Senor Puigecerver, minister of finance.

Senor Capdepon, minister of the interior.

Count Xiguena, minister of public works.

Senor Moret, minister of the colonies.

The ministers, after an informal meeting, proceeded to the palace and took the oath of office.

At a cabinet council Monday evening it was decided to appoint Senor Amos Salvador, minister of finance in the Sagasta cabinet of 1895, director of the Bank of Spain. Count Romanones has been appointed mayor of Madrid, and Senor Aguilera prefect of police of that city.

A Scarcity of Water.

MEYERS, Ky., Oct. 5.—Water is alarmingly scarce in this section and farmers have sown no wheat. Corn and tobacco have produced not more than half a crop.

POISON IN COFFEE.

The Mother and Four of Her Seven Children Are Dead.

Fifth Child Dying and the Sixth Victim Sick—An Older Son Became Alarmed Over a Remark Made by the Mother and Left the Breakfast Table.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 4.—A special to the Bee from Schuyler, Neb., says:

During Sunday forenoon Frank Steind came hastily in from Shell Creek precinct, nine miles northeast, to summon a physician to the home of Frank Davis, where he said the whole family had been poisoned.

Dr. Sixta hastened out and found four of the seven children in the family and their mother dead, a fifth child in a dying condition, and a sixth victim sick. Mrs. Davis and his oldest son went away early in the morning, leaving before the rest of the family breakfasted. When the meal was prepared all sat down and early in the course of the meal Mrs. Davis made some such remark as: "Eat a good breakfast and we'll all go together."

An older son's mind was affected by the remark to the extent that he did not appease his appetite. A daughter, younger than the son, after drinking about a half cup of coffee, became sick and vomited. The rest of the family continued the morning meal, although the children made very very faces and said the coffee did not taste good. Strychnine had been put into the coffee which soon showed its effects when those not prostrated spread the alarm, but not soon enough to avoid the fatal effects noted.

THE QUEEN REGENT.

Solicitors for Spain's Relations With the United States and to Avert the Loss of Cuba.

NEW YORK, Oct. 4.—A special to the World from Madrid, Spain, by way of Bayonne, says: In all her conversations with the Spanish generals and leaders of the political parties, the queen regent has laid stress upon the question of Spain's relations with the United States and the means of averting the loss of Cuba through prolongation of the consequent American intervention, thereby imperiling the stability of her throne, let alone playing into the hands of the republicans and those who have been especially troublesome of late.

The queen also insisted strongly upon discussing whether her Spanish rule in the West Indies would not be jeopardized by a too extended grant of autonomy, thus enabling the separatists and autonomists to prepare gradually and legally their evolution towards independence.

She earnestly asked the statesmen if they really believed a liberal government would be strong enough to make the majority of the Spaniards accept extended home rule, involving a sacrifice of Spanish material interests in the colonial markets and a heavy burden for the Spanish treasury, if saddled with a part of the Cuban debt.

The queen questioned whether Sagasta would be able to restrain public opinion, the press and the opposition parties if he made concessions to the colonies under the pressure of American diplomacy.

The queen can not believe success would crown so complete a reversal of the policy which had been followed for the last two years and a half.

It seems that some, if not all, of her loyal advisors had the courage to tell the queen regent that the alternative lies between a sincere trial of a new policy embracing an understanding with the United States and the greater question of a conflict with America, probably entailing the loss of the colonies.

Nominations by the President.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The president has made the following appointments:

Thomas Scadden, register of the land office at Marquette, Mich.; John L. Worthington, register of the land office at Harrison, Ark.

David L. Geyer, of Pomeroy, O., receiver of public moneys at Roswell, N. M.

Albert M. Anderson, agent for the Indians of the Colville agency in Washington.

Wm. H. Driggs to be lieutenant commander in the navy.

Ulysses Grant Ammen to be assistant paymaster in the navy, with relative rank of ensign.

Two Expeditions to India.

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 4.—Two expeditions will leave this state this month for India to witness the total eclipse of the sun. Prof. Charles Burkhalter, astronomer at the Chaboy observatory, will go with a complete outfit, and Prof. W. W. Campbell, of Lick observatory, will represent the state institution. The Pierson expedition for the Chaboy observatory will leave October 20. W. W. Campbell, of the Lick observatory, will start October 21 and it is not probable that the two expeditions will meet in the Orient.

Two Killed in a Week.

DENVER, Col., Oct. 4.—News reached here that the San Juan express on the Denver & Rio Grande was wrecked by a broken axle while crossing a trestle near Colopaxi at 12:15 Sunday. Two lay coaches and two sleepers went over the trestle into the river below. Two persons were killed and a number of others injured.

One of the dead is Fred Seyler, of 1809 Cornumy avenue, Cincinnati.

MILD FORM.

Very Few Deaths From Yellow Fever at New Orleans—The Death Rate Has Fallen to About Ten and a Half Per Cent.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 5.—For 24 hours, closing at nightfall, there had not been a single death recorded in the office of the board of health. Sunday there had been 31 new cases reported and at seven o'clock Monday night 23 were reported since nine o'clock Sunday night. Sunday there were nearly 200 premises under surveillance, in which yellow fever had been declared to exist and in some of the houses there were four or five cases, yet not a single one had proved fatal in 24 hours. The result was that Monday night the death rate had fallen to a trifling excess over 10½ per cent, and the prospects for an early stamping out of the disease had been considerably brightened.

There is no indication that the sickness will assume an epidemic form. Fear of that has disappeared and people who have their families at other points are beginning to make arrangements to bring them back.

At a special meeting of the board of health Monday afternoon it was decided that the ship bringing Sicilian immigrants upon arrival here shall be detained at quarantine at the mouth of the river until further orders and a notice to this effect was sent to Col. Henry Wilkinson.

Two days have passed since Ocean Springs has had any yellow fever. If the present immunity from disease continues until Friday of the current week, the board of health will officially declare the Mississippi resort free of fever. Ocean Springs was the first to attract the disease and will probably be the first to get rid of it.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 5.—The following report was received from Dr. Dunn, Edwards, Miss., at 6 p. m.:

The situation here is fairly good, considering the circumstances. There have been reported 18 new cases, seven males and 11 colored, ten cases seriously ill, two with black vomit; two deaths.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 5.—Seven new cases and one death were reported for Monday.

Forty-two persons went from here to the detention camp at Mount Vernon Monday morning. Twenty more went there Tuesday morning.

HENRY, Miss., Oct. 5.—Three new cases were reported Monday. The town previously reported no cases.

Sunday night an unsuccessful attempt was made by some unknown party to assassinate W. C. Wise, who is under arrest for violating the quarantine regulations.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZE.

The Hundred Buildings in Austin, Pa., Burned, Entailing a Loss of Nearly Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

AUSTIN, Pa., Oct. 5.—Fire broke out Monday afternoon at 2:45 in Weed's livery barn on Turner street. In five hours' time every building in town but five were burned to the ground. Turner street was the principal residence street of the town, and probably 500 people are to-night homeless.

The fire was started by a load of hay being run into a gas jet. In all about one hundred buildings were burned, mostly residences, among the larger losses being the Methodist church, Presbyterian church, opera house, Welch's meat market, Hellwig's drug store, Gallup's livery and Weed's livery. The loss is placed by insurance experts at from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

The Smith-Dixon Fight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—Solly Smith, of Los Angeles, was given the decision over George Dixon, of Boston, in a 20-round fight Monday night. The match was virtually for the championship of the featherweight class, and Smith is now at the top. The fight was not a remarkably fast one, the men taking no chances except in two or three rounds, when Dixon attempted to force matters. Smith, however, who has greatly improved since he met Dixon, had all the better of the infighting, using his right with great effect both on the body and head. Smith was cool throughout the fight and came out without a mark of any kind. His blocking and ducking of Dixon's leads were the features of the fight and kept him out of harm's way.

Prairie Fires in the Cherokee Country.

SILAS SPRING, Ark., Oct. 5.—A destructive prairie fire is sweeping over the Cherokee country west of here. The fire seems to be sweeping a vast stretch of country, and as the drought in that section has been unprecedented, everything is dry and inflammable. No reports have come in from the burnt district but it is apparent that the Indians will lose heavily in the way of stacked grain and hay.

Edward Langtry in an Asylum.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—Edward Langtry, former husband of Mrs. Lily Langtry, the actress, who recently obtained a divorce from him in California, and who is said to have privately married Prince Paul Esterhazy, has been found wandering in a demented condition on the railway line near Chester and been sent to a lunatic asylum.

Fire in a Prison.

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 5.—Fire at the Central prison here Monday afternoon did nearly \$50,000 worth of damage. It started in the dry kiln of the broom factory, a three-story structure to the west of the main prison, and the 80 convicts and their guards working there had barely time to escape with their lives.

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Overdrafts.....7,578.19	Surplus Fund.....17,000.00
Other Stocks and Bonds.....1,984.97	Individual Deposits.....13,470.81
Due from National Banks.....41,501.92	Due from National Banks.....3,875.34
Banking House.....5,580.00	Due from State Banks.....5,302.84
Furniture and Fixtures.....800.00	
Cash.....16,709.58	
	\$102,058.90

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